State Of South Dakota

BY THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION
FOR VALOR

Office Of The Governor

On Monday, January 10, 1983, Shannon Begeman, 14, saved the life of Llewellyn Sulzle, 59, by administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

While returning from a hard day's work at Bear Creek, Llewellyn suffered a severe heart attack. The driver pulled into the Begeman's farmyard to ask for help. They took Llewellyn into the house and Shannon noticed that he had stopped breathing.

The difference between life and death is mere seconds, but Shannon did not hesitate. He began to administer CPR and continued, single-handedly, for over twenty minutes until the ambulance arrived.

Few things are more frightening than witnessing a struggle along the thin line between life and death. By performing CPR quickly, correctly, and successfully, Shannon kept a man from crossing that thin line.

It is no small feat to save a life, because every step of the way, the need for confidence, combined with ability, can turn aside the best of people. A tragedy was averted on January 10, 1983, because Shannon Begeman was not turned aside by a lack of confidence or ability. He was not turned aside by a moment of panic or a split second of hesitation. He did what needed to be done.

Shannon Begeman's quick action, skill and courage in saving Llewellyn's life gives all South Dakotans cause to commemorate his act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

SHANNON BEGEMAN

and join his family and friends in saluting him for his selfless courage and bravery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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